GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission receive petitions daily regarding use of torture and even death in police custody and in the hands of other agencies engaged in ensuring the security of citizens; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government contemplate to ensure protection of the human rights against torture and other cruel and degrading treatment being met to the citizens?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government is fully committed to the protection of human rights in the country. There are several legal and constitutional provisions which seeks to protect the citizens against all forms of violation of human rights including torture and other cruel and degrading treatment. To further strengthen the implementation of these provisions, Government is sensitizing State Police forces the security forces, through proper training programmes. National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commissions have been set up with powers to entertain complaints and inquire into allegations relating to violation of human rights including torture. Whenever incidents involving torture and violation of human rights are brought to the notice of the Government, every effort is made to punish the perpetrators and violators of human rights as per law.